

Utah Lake Authority

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2026

Time: 9 AM

Location: Provo City Council Chambers & via Zoom

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Chair Cayolyn Lundberg calls the meeting to order at 9 AM

In-Person Board Members Present

- Lanae Millet, Orem - Substitute for Mayor Karen McCandless
- Mayor Zack Stratton, Vineyard
- Scott Daly, DWQ - Substitute for Candice Hasenyager
- Mayor Paul Binns, Lehi
- Mayor Caryolyn Lundberg, Lindon
- Commissioner Skyler Beltran. Utah County
- Hilary Hungerford, UVU
- Audrey Barton, Saratoga Springs
- Mayor Marsha Judkins, Provo
- Curtis Blair, Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce

Online Board Members Present

- Sen. Brady Brammer, Utah State Senate
- Mayor Neil Brown, Genola

Absent Board Members

- Ben Stireman, FFSL
- Kamron Dalton, Go Utah

2. Guest Presentations

- Megan Zollinger from the Utah Recreation Parks Association presents awards to Kelly Cannon-O'Day for the Great Carp Hunt and the Steven Georgia Carpenter Professional Development Scholarship.
 - Kelly discusses the International Festival and Events Association's two-year event management academy and her plans to apply for the scholarship.
 - A group photo is taken with Megan, Kelly, and the awards.
- Assistant Attorney General Carter Moore provides annual training on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).
 - The training covers the statutory requirements, practical compliance, and the importance of public notice and meeting minutes.
 - Moore emphasizes the need for electronic meetings to be recorded and minutes to be posted within three days.
 - The training includes updates on the ethics act and the importance of avoiding conflicts of interest and accepting gifts.
- Scott Daly from Division of Water Quality presents an update on the Utah Lake Water Quality Study.
 - The study aims to develop numeric nutrient criteria and identify opportunities for improving water quality.
 - Daley explains the historical conditions of Utah Lake and the impact of nutrient enrichment on water quality.
 - The study includes assessments of aquatic life, recreation, and agriculture uses, and the development of water quality models.

3. Consent Items

Motion: Approve the January 2026 ULA Board Meeting Minutes and the Q2 FY2026 Financial Report

Motion made by: Paul Binns

Seconded by Lanae Millett

Vote: Approved Unanimously

4. Staff Reports

Executive Director Report - Luke Peterson

- Introduces himself and gives personal background
- Discusses recent federal relations and legislative update
 - The Utah Lake authority received \$7.7 million in federal funding for various projects, including access improvements, the nature center, and invasive species management.

- Peterson highlights the importance of federal advocacy and the success of securing funding.
- The legislative session saw several challenges, but the authority successfully defended its interests with the help of legislators.
- The authority is also developing a video contest to encourage public participation in promoting Utah Lake.

Deputy Director Report - Sam Braegger

- Introduces himself and gives personal background
- Provides staff and committee reports, highlighting the contributions of various staff members.
- Provides update on operations and recreation efforts
 - The authority is working on master plans for 11 lake access points and improving infrastructure at the Utah Lake State Park.
 - A trail feasibility study and lakewide signage project are in progress.
 - The authority is collaborating with Saratoga Springs City to open a new public marina.

Events & Communications - Kelly Cannon-O'Day

- Introduces herself and gives personal background
- Discusses upcoming events including the Great Carp Hunt and the Utah Lake Festival
 - The Great Carp Hunt has been rebranded and will feature a bounty system for catching carp.
 - The Utah Lake Festival will expand parking accessibility and include new activities like mini golf and a service project.
 - The authority is also planning events for Free Fishing Day and the Sailboat Regatta.
- Discusses media campaign focus on harmful algae blooms.

Events & Programing - Heather McEwen

- Introduces herself and gives personal background
- Discusses volunteer efforts provided by ULA
 - Adopt-a-Shoreline has about 45-50 volunteers who clean the shorelines of Utah Lake.
 - Lifejacket Loaner Station program has all of its volunteer slots filled.
- Discusses upcoming events
 - Paddle with Care is in its fifth year and is a water safety event. It includes a paddle from Vineyard to American Fork.
 - Fourth-grade field trips are starting at the end of April.
- Discusses new intern
 - She will be starting on the first day of field trip days.

Development & Funding - Shelby Kozak

- Introduces herself and gives personal background
- Provides an update on development and funding efforts.
 - The authority has secured over \$1.1 million in grant funding in the fiscal year 2026.
 - The success rate for grant applications is 35%, which is significantly higher than the national average.
 - The authority is actively seeking new donors and expanding its sponsorship program.

Restoration & Conservation - Addy Valdez & Alex Stosich

- Addy Valdez introduces herself as the Conservation Education Programs Manager and mentions this is her last meeting.
 - She explains her move to Montana due to her husband's dental school graduation.
 - Addy shares her background, including her love for the outdoors and her experience working with pollinator plants.
 - Addy highlights the progress made on the American Rescue Plan Act project and the reallocation of funds.
 - Addy announces the purchase of an airboat and a slick sled for lake treatment and equipment transportation.
 - She reflects on the growth of the planting program, starting with 500 pollinator plants and now ordering 175,000 plants.
 - She expresses gratitude for her time at the organization and the opportunities provided.
- Alex introduces himself as a botanist and mentions his previous work with USGS on plant conservation.
 - He provides updates on the year's plant orders and the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funding.
 - Alex discusses the hiring of an Education Coordinator and the internship program with Savannah from BYU.

5. Public Hearing

Public Hearing is to review the FY2026 Budget Amendment and the FY2027 Tentative Budget

Motion to open public hearing: Curtis Blair

Seconded: Audrey Barton

Motion passes unanimously

- Sam Braegger presents the March amendment, highlighting changes in revenues and expenses.
- He discusses the acquisition of E-bikes and the increase in shoreline restoration expenses.

- Sam explains the reallocation of \$300,000 to Lindon City for a critical habitat improvement project.
- Sam Braegger answers questions about the budget, including the allocation of ARPA funds and the long-range capital plan.
- He provides an overview of the tentative FY 2027 budget, noting significant increases due to federal funding.
- No public comment occurs

Motion to close the public hearing: Zack Stratton

Seconded: Audrey Barton

Motion passes unanimously

6. Action Items

1. Motion: Approve the FY2026 Budget Amendment
 - Motion made by Skyler Beltran
 - Seconded by Lanae Millett
 - Motion passes unanimously
2. Motion: Approve the FY2027 Tentative Budget
 - Motion made by Skyler Beltran
 - Seconded by Paul Binns
 - Motion passes unanimously
3. Motion: Approve the Long-Range Capital Plan
 - Motion made by Zack Stratton
 - Seconded by Audrey Barton
 - Motion passes unanimously
4. Motion: Approve FY2025 Agreed Upon Procedures Report
 - Motion made by Skyler Beltran
 - Seconded by Marsha Judkins
 - Motion passes unanimously
5. Motion: Approve the Utah Lake Recreation Access Plan
 - Motion made by Curtis Blair
 - Seconded by Paul Binns
 - Motion passes unanimously

7. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Motion made by Paul Binns

Seconded by Lanae Millett

Motion passes unanimously

